

(e) Budget and Cost-Effectiveness.

**§ 3430.909 Other considerations.**

(a) *Amount of grants.* An applicant for a regular project proposal (single institution/organization) under this subpart may request up to \$125,000 (total project, not per year). An applicant for a joint project proposal (applicant plus one or more partners) under this subpart may request up to \$300,000 (total project, not per year). A conference/planning grant applicant may request up to \$10,000 (total project/not per year).

(b) *Duration of grants.* The term of a grant for a standard RTP project under this subpart shall not exceed 5 years. No-cost extensions of time beyond the maximum award terms will not be considered or granted.

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**Subpart A—Designation of Veterinarian Shortage Situations**

**§ 3431.1 Applicability of regulations.**

This part establishes the process and procedures for designating veterinarian shortage situations as well as the administrative provisions for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) authorized by the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA), 7 U.S.C. 3151a.

**§ 3431.2 Purpose.**

The Secretary will follow the processes and procedures established in Subpart A to designate veterinarian shortage situations for the VMLRP. Applications for the VMLRP will be accepted from eligible veterinarians who agree to serve in one of the designated shortage situations in exchange for the repayment of an amount of the principal and interest of the veterinarian's qualifying educational loans. The administrative provisions for the VMLRP, including the application process, are established in Subpart B.

**§ 3431.3 Definitions and acronyms.**

(a) *General definitions.*

*Act* means the National Veterinary Medical Service Act, as amended.

*Agency* or CSREES means the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

*Department* means the United States Department of Agriculture.

*Food animal* means the following species: bovine, porcine, ovine/camelid, cervid, poultry, and any other species as determined by the Secretary.

*Food supply veterinary medicine* means all aspects of veterinary medicine's involvement in food supply systems, from traditional agricultural production to consumption.

*Insular area* means the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the